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BOS'S DEATH SHOCKS CALIF. POLITICAL COMMUNITY AND LEAVES MAJOR VOID ON WILSON TEAM...

One of the best liked and most professional campaign spokesman in Calif., Otto Bos's untimely death from a heart attack June 2nd has left CA's political establishment in a state of shock and has left a huge void in Gov. Pete Wilson's immediate political family of trusted confidants. Bos first went to work for Wilson in 1977 when Wilson was San Diego's mayor. Although he wasn't involved in that first campaign, Bos played key roles in Wilson's subsequent campaigns in San Diego and Statewide. He was serving in the administration as Director of Communications & PA. He was 47...

...Bos spoke little English when he first arrived in the U.S. from Holland in the mid-1950s, but you'd never know that listening to him doing his favorite thing, "spinning" for his boss, or as a writer of some of Wilson's better pre-1991 speeches. Many CALPEEK sources described Bos as Wilson's alter ego. They were very close...

...Together with consultants George Gorton and Dick Dressner, and longtime Wilson COS Bob White, this group of political allies has guided the current governor in his last 3 successful elections, with Bos being the important link to the news media...

...In terms of how this unfortunate death will impact the Wilson team, it's tough to assess just now, but Bos was one of the few Wilson moderates who had forged some solid links with hardline conservatives. Indeed, he worked closely with conservatives to keep the peace during the critical 1990 gubernatorial election. With Gorton, this duo was noted for running almost flawless campaigns in 1988 & 1990...

...As a campaign/press spokesman, Bos had few equals here in Calif., and for the most

part political reporters were very fond of Otto. He never misled CALPEEK or gave us bad info. Credibility & professionalism, combined with a sense of humor, were the keys to Bos's success. He made politics fun to cover and will be missed very much by his many friends. R.I.P...

ELECTION ANALYSIS

Editor's note: June 4th was election day in L.A., with one special in the 46th A.D. and a number of L.A. City Council contests. As CALPEEK went to press, there were still 12,000 absentee ballots which had NOT been counted. These uncounted AV ballots could impact on the results which now stand. Next week CALPEEK will do an expanded analysis with a WINNERS & LOSERS column. For now, here is our report, starting with the 46th Assembly District special...

● FRIEDMAN LEADS EMERSON IN 46th A.D. - L.A. Dep. City Controller Barbara Friedman, who was backed by the powerful Westside Waxman-Berman organization, holds a 114 vote lead over L.A. Asst. City Atty. John Emerson. She pulled 3,185 votes (16.4%), while Emerson won 3,071 (15.8%). In third place was attorney T.S. Chung with 1,990 votes (10.24%). These were the top three FUNDRAISERS as well, with Emerson gathering in about \$300,000 and Chung in the \$240,000 range. Friedman is probably in the middle, but we can't tell just yet. More than \$1 million was spent by all the candidates...

...The AV ballots could change the outcome here, with such a small number separating Friedman and Emerson. Chung was the AV leader with about 21%, followed by Emerson at about 16%...

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...If you're looking for factors as to why Friedman appears to have won, they include consultant Kevin Acebo, a massive mail program designed by Berman & D'Agostino and a solid field operation, with lots of walking. Emerson probably had just as good an operation and some CALPEEK sources believe he held a 7% lead over Friedman going into the final days. However, Emerson was the target of some HIT mail by 9th place finisher Mike Cacciotti and 11th place finisher Adam Schiff. The Cacciotti mailer, with a "Stealth Moving Co." hit, blasted Emerson for moving into the 46th A.D., while Schiff targeted Emerson's weak prosecutorial background. Both were good hits. Another factor was 10th place finisher Jill Halverson, who obviously hurt Emerson more than anyone else. The turnout was about 30%. More next week on this special election...

- GALANTER WINS 6th C.D. - L.A. Councilwoman Ruth Galanter was an easy winner over rival Mary Lee Gray. How confident was Galanter on election day? She stayed at city hall most of the day and didn't walk a precinct. Galanter pulled 69%...

- RIDLEY-THOMAS WINS 8th C.D. - The SCLC will be looking for a new executive director now that Mark Ridley-Thomas has defeated political consultant Rod Wright for the council seat previous held by Bob Farrell. Ridley-Thomas got 51% to Wright's 49%, in a contest that got somewhat testy toward the end. L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley backed the winner, while U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters was the key Wright supporter...

- WALTERS HOLDS LEAD IN 9th C.D. - L.A. School Board member Rita Walters holds a 208 vote edge over Bob Gay in this contest to replace the late Gil Lindsay. In raw numbers, Walters had 6,010, while Gay had 5,802. Gay was the leader in AV ballots, so this race has the potential to change. Like the 8th C.D., Mayor Bradley backed the winner, while Maxine Waters backed Gay...

- BERNSON WINS IN 12th C.D. - Incumbent Councilman Hal Bernson had a close call, but defeated L.A. School Board member Julie Korenstein by 746 votes. Bernson got 51% to Korenstein's 49%. Big win for political consultant Harvey Englander, who took over the campaign after Bernson only pulled 35% in the primary. Main reason for Bernson's

win was the conservatism of the district, combined with Korenstein's ultra-liberalism, which Englander saw as a key weakness and hit repeatedly. Korenstein's consultant, Parke Skelton, may have miscalculated by going after Englander, instead of concentrating his fire on Bernson and the one thing that caused Bernson trouble in the first place - the controversial Porter Ranch development...

- RUNOFF IN 1st C.D. - The battle to replace Gloria Molina on the L.A. City Council now shifts to an August runoff between frontrunner Mike Hernandez and Chinatown attorney Sharon Mee Yung Lowe. Hernandez got 42%, while Lowe received 20.4%. Sandra Figueroa was in 3rd with about 18%, while Frank Juarez Foster was 4th with about 12%. Only 125 votes separated Lowe and Figueroa, so we'll keep close tabs on the AVs. Hernandez was the favorite from day one, with more money and an important endorsement from L.A. Co. Sup. Gloria Molina. However, Hernandez got some bad publicity at a community forum sponsored by UNO and word spread that Hernandez was acting like a "spoiled child." This may have hurt, but most CALPEEK source still expect Hernandez to win the runoff. Stay tuned...

PASSAGE OF GAY RIGHTS BILL COULD SPELL MORE TROUBLE FOR GOP AND FOR U.S. SEN. SEYMOUR..

Editor's note: AB 101 by Terry Friedman(D-L.A.) is the so-called GAY Bill of Rights proposal which would outlaw discrimination in housing and employment based on sexual orientation. This bill passed its key policy committee on a 6-3 vote and now sits in the important Ways & Means Committee, where it could be heard as soon as June 12. For the most part, Democrats don't have major problems with AB 101. Not so the GOP. Here is CALPEEK's report & analysis...

...Homosexuality, like abortion, is an issue where Calif. Republicans are deeply divided. Generally speaking, the Religious Right/hardline conservatives are very much opposed to both, while moderates and many traditional conservatives have a more tolerant view of gays and abortion...

...Sources in Calif.'s gay & lesbian community think AB 101 has a fair-to-good shot at winning legislative approval, despite an all out blitz to kill the bill by The Rev.

Lou Sheldon and his Traditional Family Values Coalition. Odds also are fair-to-good that Gov. Pete Wilson(R) will sign the bill if it gets to his desk...

...But consider this political scenario, which has been repeated to CALPEEK by several sources: hardliners should NOT attempt to stop AB 101 (that would be hard to do in any event), but rather should wait until Wilson signs the bill, and then launch a REFERENDUM for the June 1992 ballot...

...It makes perfect sense - especially if you're U.S. Rep. Bill Dannemeyer, the conservative lawmaker who is challenging appointed U.S. Sen. John Seymour in the GOP primary. One of Dannemeyer's key campaign issues is that Seymour is PRO-homosexual. It's an issue which really inflames the hardliners and Religious Right. If such a measure were to qualify, it could mean BIG trouble for Seymour. Not only would the referendum draw out the hardliners to vote for the repeal of AB 101, but they'd also be there to vote FOR Dannemeyer and against Seymour. This is a real possibility...

...And remember this: in a ballot measure campaign unlimited amounts of money can be raised and spent. And such a measure would force CA gays to dig very deep to counter such a campaign, meaning once again that gay and lesbian political warchests would be depleted for the November general election...

...And here's the CRUSHER. Depending on how the referendum is worded, it might include language banning the CA Legislature from EVER enacting such a law. That's how it worked in Irvine, Calif., where Sheldon and his allies repealed a gay rights city law that was pushed through by former Mayor Larry Agran, who was defeated for reelection. Stay tuned...

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1992 U.S. SENATE RACES: A CALPEEK UPDATE.

Editor's note: Here's a brief update on some of the candidates running for the two Calif. U.S. Senate seats in 1992...

- GOP campaign consultant Bob Nelson told CALPEEK he regrets his statement about comparing U.S. Rep. Bill Dannemeyer's supporters to Nazis, but doesn't plan to resign as chair of U.S. Sen. John Seymour's advisory committee. And he says that he hasn't been asked to step down by Seymour, despite the flap. Further, Nelson denied he's been hired as the overall campaign consultant — a subject which some Dannemeyer supporters don't believe. Nelson says the advisory committee will soon (within about a week) hire a daily campaign manager and then hire a media consultant. He says he's not interested. Hummmmm. P.S. CALPEEK thinks the Dave Leshner story which started this whole flap has been spiked and will NOT run in the main section of the L.A. Times...

- A free political event? Unheard of in this day and age, but U.S. Rep. Barbara Boxer(D) is throwing a community kickoff party at 2 p.m., June 15 at the A&M Record Studios in Hollywood. And it's FREE. It's a come and meet Barbara thing...

- U.S. Rep. Mel Levine(D) scooped up a cool \$1.1 million at his big Beverly Hills bash May 30 (plus another \$100,000 the nite before in D.C.). CALPEEK sources say the West L.A. lawmaker hopes to have \$2.25 million in the bank by the June 30th cutoff...

- Another million dollar U.S. Senate candidate is U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell(R- Palo Alto). His campaign reports \$1 million in the bank, with a \$4-5 million primary budget. Also Campbell has won the endorsement of the Lincoln Club of No. Calif...

JACK VALENTI SPEAKER AT L.A. PA LUNCHEON.

Motion Picture Assn. of Amer. Pres. & CEO Jack Valenti will address the L.A. Public Affairs Officers Assn. about "Riddles, Mysteries and Realities in Washington," 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon lunch, June 17, the Tower Restaurant, 1150 S. Olive St., downtown L.A. For info, contact Yolanda Ochoa at (818)302-1990...

S.F. CO. SUP. TOM HSIEH RUNNING FOR MAYOR.

The field of serious candidates seeking to oust San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos just got slightly more crowded this past week with the June 5th entry of S.F. County Sup. Tom Hsieh into the November mayor's contest...

...With Hsieh in the race, there are now 3 serious contenders challenging Agnos. The others include former S.F. Police Chief Frank Jordan and S.F. Co. Assessor Richard Hongisto. Jordan and Hsieh are both considered MODERATES, while Hongisto will be battling Agnos for the LIBERAL vote...

...Unlike Hongisto's announcement, which was almost overlooked by the mainstream news media in S.F., Hsieh is expected to do much better. USA Today, the Washington Post and even the BBC are giving Hsieh good coverage. Why? Because Hsieh is the 1st Asian American to run for mayor of a MAJOR U.S. city and he is a fresh face in terms S.F. politics...

...CALPEEK sources expect Hsieh to have a \$350,000 war chest by the June 30th reporting period. Some of that money will be spent in an early TV buy of 10 second spots produced by consultant Jerry Austin. It's not a heavy buy, but it is intended to let Hsieh's competition know that he is a serious candidate. CALPEEK will start giving this contest more coverage in the weeks and months ahead. Stay tuned...

OPEN 12th C.D. ATTRACTING KEY CANDIDATES.

The open 12th Congressional District now occupied by U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell (R-Palo Alto), who has announced plans to run for the U.S. Senate in 1992, is attracting a solid field of both Demo and Republican candidates. In this 44% Demo to 42% GOP registration district, the Demo crowd now includes San Mateo Co. Supes Anna Eshoo, who ran in 1988 and lost to Campbell, and Tom Nolan, who is openly gay. CALPEEK sources also say Assemblyman Byron Sher (Mt. View) is looking around. On the GOP side, newest candidate in the race is former Assemblyman Dixon Arnett of San Mateo Co. Also in the race are Assemblyman Charles Quackenbush of San Jose, San Mateo County Sup. Tom Huen- ing and yes, even former Congressman Ernie Konyu. Stay tuned...

MOVE TO RECALL L.A. MAYOR BRADLEY LAUNCHED.

Backers of a petition drive to recall L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley have until Sept. 20th to collect 185,000 valid signatures to force an election against the embattled L.A. chief executive. Recall organizer Marvin Feldman tells CALPEEK that he's aiming for a gross total of 230,000 names. Feldman says he's got about 30 small groups and 1,500 individual members who are actively involved in the recall drive. The official name of the group is The Bradley Recall Coalition, but it's listed in the phone book as Recall Tom Bradley. Feldman also told CALPEEK he'll need to raise about \$25,000. Need info about the recall? Call (818)994-7702. Stay tuned...

RECIPES COMING IN FOR CALPEEK'S COOKBOOK.

Folks, we're making progress on CALPEEK's Political Cookbook. We've now got about 45 recipes but need another 15-20. No more CHICKEN recipes, PLEASE. But we're short on the 3 S's — salads, soups and sauces. So if you've got some good recipes, send them in ASAP. Thank you Jill Barad (6 recipes) and thanks also to Ventura Co. Sup. Maria VanderKolk for her Grassroots Club Meatloaf recipe, not to mention Larry Ash's Davis, Calif. Politically Correct Spagetti Sauce...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Ed McGovern, former campaign mgr. for U.S. Rep. Barbara Boxer's 1992 Demo U.S. Senate campaign, has joined Kamer/Singer & Associates, the S.F.-based pa/pr firm...
- Attorney Bradley W. Hertz has opened his own office specializing in political, election & campaign finance law. Hertz's office is at 15223 Magnolia Blvd., Ste. A, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403. Phone (818)789-3322...
- Russo Marsh + Assoc. of Sacto have been hired as media consultants for U.S. Sen. Al D'Amato's 1992 reelection campaign. D'Amato is a Republican from New York...